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In re Application of: Catherine A. Haala  
Application No. 09/985,734  
Filed: November 6, 2001  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
OBSTRUCTING A PERSON FROM  
NEGOTIATING A TRANSACTION  
WITH ANOTHER PERSON, GROUP,  
OR ENTITY IN A POPULATION

DECISION ON PETITION FOR  
ACCELERATED EXAMINATION  
UNDER M.P.E.P §708.02(VIII)

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 28, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special. The petition was supplemented by a filing submitted June 24, 2002.

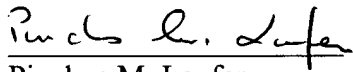
M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII) states that an applicant may be granted special status provided that the applicant:

- (A) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);
- (B) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status;
- (C) Submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement.
- (D) Submits one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and

- (E) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Applicant's combined submissions meet all the criteria set out above. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for accelerated examination according to the procedures set forth in M.P.E.P §708.02, Section VIII.



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